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## Office Action Summary

Application No.	10/618,467	
Examiner	MILTICH ET AL.	
Eric W. Thomas	Art Unit 2831	

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### Period for Reply

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### Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 1/10/05.  
2a) This action is FINAL.                            2b) This action is non-final.  
3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.  
4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.  
5) Claim(s) 1-3 and 5-20 is/are allowed.  
6) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are rejected.  
7) Claim(s) 4 is/are objected to.  
8) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.  
10) The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).  
11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
a) All    b) Some \* c) None of:  
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)  
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_  
5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)  
6) Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## INTRODUCTION

The examiner acknowledges, as recommended in the MPEP, the applicant's submission of the amendment dated 1/10/05. At this point, claims 4, 15-17, 19-20 have been amended; and claims 21-27 have been cancelled. Thus claims 1-20 are pending in the instant application.

## DETAILED ACTION

### *Claim Objections*

1. Claim 4 is objected to because of the following informalities:

Claim 4, lines 1-3, the limitation, "wherein the separator base includes one or more track etched materials comprising at least one of a polycarbonate material and a track-etch material" is confusing. It is suggested to applicant to change this limitation to –wherein the separator base [includes one or more track etched materials] comprising at least one of a polycarbonate material and a track-etch material--.

Appropriate correction is required.

### *Response to Arguments*

2. Applicant's arguments, see pages 10-11, filed 1/10/05, with respect to claims 1-20 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of claims 1-20 has been withdrawn.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

3. Claims 1-3, 5-20 are allowed.
4. Claim 4 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the objections found on page 2 of the instant <sup>action</sup> application. -ET 3/21/05
5. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: The prior art does not teach or fairly suggest (taken in combination with the other claimed features) one or more metalized separators disposed with in the enclosure, said separators including a separator base partially or wholly covered with one or more spaced apart anode or cathode films (claims 1-20).

***Conclusion***

6. This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:

Applicant must amend claim 4 to overcome the claim objection found on page 2 of the instant action.

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Eric W. Thomas whose telephone number is 571-272-1985. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 5:30 AM - 2:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dean Reichard can be reached on 571-272-1984. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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